

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Friday, March 11, 2011

The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2011, convened at 11:34 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators English, Gabbard, Ihara, and Shimabukuro who were excused.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

"Approval of the Journal is deferred until Monday, March 14, 2011."

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 183, 528 to 569 and 1104) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 183, dated February 8, 2011, transmitting the Annual Internal Audit Report, prepared by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation pursuant to Section 323F-22(d), HRS, was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 528, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the nomination of ROBERT KLEIN, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 529, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the nomination of JAMES PLEISS, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 530, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, the nomination of ANACLETO "JOEY" S. ALCANTRA JR., term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 531, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, the nomination of PETER LEE, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 532, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, the nomination of JOHN POLISCHECK, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 533, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the nomination of PETER L. AKAMU, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 534, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the nomination of MATT BRADY, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 535, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, the nomination of CARL D. JOHNSON, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 536, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Pest Control Board, the nomination of RONALD S. WEINBERG, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 537, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, the nomination of ROWENA COBB, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 538, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, the nomination of NIKKI SENTER, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 539, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, the nomination of AILEEN WADA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 540, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Historic Places Review Board, Hawai'i, the nomination of GEORGE CASEN, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 541, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Historic Places Review Board, Hawai'i, the nomination of GERALD L. DE MELLO, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 542, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the High Technology Development Corporation, Board of Directors, the nomination of RUSSELL CASTAGNARO, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 543, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the High Technology Development Corporation, Board of Directors, the nomination of CRAIG I. NAKANISHI, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 544, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, the nomination of LOUISE CAYETANO, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 545, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, the nomination of WRAY JOSE, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 546, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, the nomination of BARRY WURST, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 547, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, the nomination of DAVID ATKIN, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 548, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, the nomination of SCOTT GLENN, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 549, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, the nomination of

CHARLES A. PRENTISS, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 550, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, the nomination of MARY STEINER, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 551, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors, the nomination of JASON T. ESPERO, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 552, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors, the nomination of L. P. "NEENZ" FALEAFINE, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 553, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the nomination of IMAIKALANI PATRICK AIU, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 554, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the nomination of PERRY O. ARTATES, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 555, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the nomination of JEREMY KAMAKANEOALOHA HOPKINS, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 556, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the nomination of MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 557, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the nomination of IAN LEE LOY, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 558, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the nomination of RENWICK VALENTINE ILI'ILIPUNA TASSILL, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 559, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu, the nomination of CHARLES ANDREW EHRHORN, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 560, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, the nomination of KEN HIDESHI TAKAYAMA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 561, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the nomination of ALFRED C. LARDIZABAL, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 562, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the nomination of HAROLD P. MCDERMOTT, term to expire

June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 563, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Corrections Population Management Commission, the nomination of DAVID HEAUKULANI, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 564, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, the nomination of BRIAN LEE, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 565, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, the nomination of LOIS MITSUNAGA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 566, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the nomination of ERNEST MATSUMURA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 567, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, the nomination of ERNEST MATSUMURA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 568, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, the nomination of CHAD M. MCDONALD, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 569, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission, the nomination of RANDY CHING, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 1104, informing the Senate that on March 10, 2011, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 827, H.D. 1 as Act 4, entitled: "MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION."

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Dept. Com. No. 67) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 67, from the Department of Budget and Finance dated March 7, 2011, transmitting the FYs 08-14 Non-General Fund Information Report for the Department of Human Services.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 354) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 354, transmitting H.B. No. 341, H.D. 4, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on March 10, 2011, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, H.B. No. 341, H.D. 4, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 71 to 81) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 71 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CORPORATION'S EFFICIENCY AND PROGRAMS TO BETTER ADDRESS CURRENT AND FUTURE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Kahele, Kidani, Galuteria, Hee, Ryan.

S.C.R. No. 72 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RETURN HAWAII PRISONERS HELD IN MAINLAND FACILITIES AND TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT PANAWEA NEAR HILO."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Kahele, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Hee, Ryan.

S.C.R. No. 73 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THAT THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS COMPLY WITH THE HAWAII PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE PREFERENCES FOR HAWAII PRODUCTS TO PROMOTE GROWTH OF THE STATE'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND THEREBY ASSURE FOOD SECURITY FOR HAWAII'S CITIZENS."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Kahele, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Hee, Ryan.

S.C.R. No. 74 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A HAWAIIAN CULTURAL RESOURCES WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY DATABASE."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Kim, Ryan, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 75 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING A REVISION TO PRESENT POLICIES ON MATTERS OF BLOOD QUANTUM FOR SUCCESSORS TO LESSEES OF A HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LEASE."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Kidani, Ryan, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 76 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR NA PUA NO'EAU STAFFING AND PROGRAMS."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Kidani, Ryan, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 77 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE REPAIR OF CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT PLACES ON THE GROUNDS OF 'IOLANI PALACE."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, English, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Ryan, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 78 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF

EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A STUDENT CELL PHONE BAN IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

Offered by: Senator Tokuda.

S.C.R. No. 79 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW ITS BY-LAWS AND POLICIES AND APPLICABLE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND STATUTES TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY SYSTEM."

Offered by: Senators Tokuda, Chun Oakland, Kidani, Kim, Nishihara, Ryan, Slom.

S.C.R. No. 80 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING REPORTS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING EXISTING TELECONFERENCING AND VIDEOCONFERENCING FACILITIES FOR UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS."

Offered by: Senators Tokuda, Chun Oakland, Fukunaga, Ige, Kidani, Nishihara, Ryan, Slom, Taniguchi.

S.C.R. No. 81 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF WHETHER AN AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TO SERVE SMALL FAMILY FARMS AND LIVESTOCK FARMS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators Tokuda, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, Kahele, Kidani, Kouchi, Nishihara, Ryan, Slom.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 44 to 46) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.R. No. 44 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CORPORATION'S EFFICIENCY AND PROGRAMS TO BETTER ADDRESS CURRENT AND FUTURE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Kahele, Kidani, Galuteria, Hee, Ryan.

S.R. No. 45 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RETURN HAWAII PRISONERS HELD IN MAINLAND FACILITIES AND TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT PANAWEA NEAR HILO."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Kahele, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Hee, Ryan.

S.R. No. 46 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THAT THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS COMPLY WITH THE HAWAII PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE PREFERENCES FOR HAWAII PRODUCTS TO PROMOTE GROWTH OF THE STATE'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND THEREBY ASSURE FOOD SECURITY FOR HAWAII'S CITIZENS."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Kahele, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Hee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Gabbard and Galuteria, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 801) recommending that H.B. No. 1015, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1015, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OUT OF THE BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 802) recommending that S.C.R. No. 14, as amended in S.D. 1, be referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 14, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RESET ASIDE OF THE FORMER KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LANDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AS AN EXTENSION OF PU'U MAKAKA'ALA NATURAL AREA RESERVE AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR A YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY," was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 803) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HERMINA MORITA to the Public Utilities Commission, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 523.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 803 and Gov. Msg. No. 523 was deferred until Monday, March 14, 2011.

**ORDER OF THE DAY
ADVISE AND CONSENT**

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

"If there are no objections from the members, we will be deferring all advise and consent matters until Monday, March 14, 2011."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 796 (Gov. Msg. No. 509):

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 796 and Gov. Msg. No. 509 was deferred until Monday, March 14, 2011.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 797 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 524 and 526):

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 797 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 524 and 526 was deferred until Monday, March 14, 2011.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

"Referrals and re-referrals are made in accordance with the Order of the Day and the Supplemental Order of the Day that may be distributed to your offices later this afternoon."

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The President made the following committee assignments of House bills received on Thursday, March 10, 2011:

H.B. No.:	Referred to:
H.B. No. 44, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 108, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 141, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 316, H.D. 1	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 319, H.D. 1	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 354, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 381, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 439, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1	Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 618, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 716, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1112, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1326, H.D. 2	Committee on Education
H.B. No. 1447, H.D. 2	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1455, H.D. 2	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 1456, H.D. 1	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1457, H.D. 1	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1486, H.D. 1	Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1505, H.D. 2	Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1513, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1517, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1520, H.D. 2 Committee on Energy and Environment, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

H.B. No. 1524, H.D. 2 Committee on Judiciary and Labor

H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2 Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1532, H.D. 2 Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

H.B. No. 1540 Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1551, H.D. 2 Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1566, H.D. 1 Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1568, H.D. 2 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1570, H.D. 2 Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1584, H.D. 1 Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1598, H.D. 2 Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 1 Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1 Committee on Judiciary and Labor

H.B. No. 1617, H.D. 2 Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing and the Committee on Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1622, H.D. 1 Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1626, H.D. 1 Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1637, H.D. 1 Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 2 Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 2 Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

**REFERRAL OF
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The President made the following committee assignments of concurrent resolutions offered on Tuesday, March 8, 2011:

S.C.R. No.:	Referred to:
S.C.R. No. 59	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 60	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.C.R. No. 61	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of resolutions offered on Tuesday, March 8, 2011:

S.R. No.:	Referred to:
S.R. No. 33	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 34	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.R. No. 35	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

**RE-REFERRAL OF
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Chair re-referred the following concurrent resolutions that were offered:

S.C.R. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.C.R. No. 8	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 45	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 48	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Baker rose on a point of personal privilege and said:

“Last night sometime after 8:00 p.m. Hawai‘i time, Japan experienced a devastating 8.9 magnitude earthquake. It wreaked havoc on land, causing widespread property damage, disrupting commerce, and taking lives. It also generated a potential devastating tsunami for Hawai‘i and the Pacific basin including the west coast of the mainland U.S. Hawai‘i prepared for the coming tsunami, evacuated to higher ground or higher floors, and waited. It was a restless night for so many.

“I wanted to take a moment to thank all our state and county emergency personnel; our visitor industry leaders and staff who helped comfort and take care of our many visitors, including those from Japan who were understandably worried about their homeland; and all our citizens who followed the directions from police and civil defense and sought shelter and higher ground. I stay in a hotel in Waikiki during session, and I have to say I was impressed with how that facility and others were prepared for

and executed disaster plans in the face of the impending tsunami. I want to express thanks to Ke Akua that although Hawai'i's normal routines were disrupted and there was some flooding and property damage, there was no loss of life. Our warning and emergency management systems from state and county civil defense to DOT highways, airports and harbors, health, and other state personnel to county first-responders, private business leaders who are part of the local emergency operations centers—all entities charged with keeping us safe—worked very well and collaboratively together. And finally mahalo to our local media who stayed on the air all night long to keep all of us informed.

“Hawai'i and the U.S. mainland dodged the devastating effects of the tsunami. Our brothers and sisters in Japan were not so fortunate. So, Mr. President, I ask that the Senate adjourn on a rising vote in sympathy with the Japanese people as they rebuild and recover and in memory of those who lost their lives. Mahalo.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:42 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 14, 2011, on a rising vote, observing a moment of silence in sympathy for the people of Japan who suffered through the earthquake and tsunami and in honor and memory of those whose lives were lost.